

No Budget? **NO PAY.**

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the No Budget, No Pay Act?

The No Budget, No Pay Act (H.R. 310) says that if Congress doesn't pass its budget and all its appropriations bills by October 1st every year, then Congress doesn't get paid. Retroactive pay isn't an option. Once pay is withheld, it's gone for good.

Why is the No Budget, No Pay Act Needed?

Congress should be held accountable for not fulfilling its duties. Passing a budget and appropriations bills are basic responsibilities of Congress. Congress, however, has not adopted a budget in more than 1,300 days. Congress has also failed to pass its appropriations bills on time for 16 straight years. Congress has missed so many budget and appropriations deadlines over the years that no one takes them seriously. For far too long, we have run government on a short-term basis, sometimes month-to-month or even week-to-week. This is inexcusable.

Why will the No Budget, No Pay Act Work?

Tennesseans work hard for their paychecks, and so must Congress. Members of Congress shouldn't be getting paid if they can't do their work. Threatening to stop paying Congress is the surest way to make sure we beat the annual October 1st deadline. Bottom line: no budget, no pay. No appropriations bills, no pay. It's that simple.

House Republican leadership announced support of a No Budget, No Pay plan. Is it the Cooper plan?

No. It's similar but not exactly the same. A chart below provides details.

COOPER NBNP ACT VS. BOEHNER NBNP ACT

BILL DETAIL	COOPER BILL	BOEHNER BILL
<u>Both House AND Senate</u> Would Be Penalized (Not Just One Chamber)	✓	
Mandates That <u>Budget AND Appropriations Bills</u> Must Be Passed On Time (Not Just Budget)	✓	
<u>Mandates Conference Reports</u> So That Both Houses Agree To Same Budget AND Appropriations Bills	✓	
Withholds Pay <u>Permanently</u> (Once Gone, Cannot Be Recouped)	✓	